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To: The Chair and Members of the Commission

From: Joseph DeLosa, Public Utilities Analyst

Subject: **IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MEADWESTVACO COVINGTON PULP AND PAPER MILL FOR A NAME CHANGE TO WESTROCK COVINGTON MILL UNDER THE DELAWARE RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD (Filed December 19, 2006, and Name Change January 22, 2016) – PSC Docket No. 06-389/16-0131**

Application:

MeadWestvaco Covington Pulp and Paper Mill (the “Applicant”) filed an application with the Commission on December 19, 2006, **and for a name change to WestRock Covington Mill on January 22, 2016**, seeking approval, pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 351 -363, for the certification of their generation unit located at 104 East Riverside St. Covington, VA 24426.

Staff’s Review:

Pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 351 – 363, the Commission issued Order No. 6931, dated June 6, 2006, which adopted the Rules and Procedures to Implement the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (“Rules” or “Regulation”). The Rules require that Retail Electricity Suppliers comply with the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) through the filing of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) created in PJM-EIS Generation Attributes Tracking System (“GATS”). RECs are created in GATS by Generation Units which are certified by the Commission as Eligible Energy Resources. Upon designation as an Eligible Energy Resource, the Generation Unit’s owner shall be entitled to one (1) REC for each mega-watt hour of energy derived from Eligible Energy Resources. The Commission through its Staff will certify Generation Units as Eligible Energy Resources based on the definition of Eligible Energy Resources found in Section 1.0 of the

Rules. Staff has reviewed the application for compliance with the requirements of 26 Del. C. § 351 – 363 and the Rules.

Staff's Findings:

According to the application, the Generation Unit is located within the PJM control area at 104 East Riverside St. Covington, VA 24426. The Applicant's facility's fuel type is Qualified Biomass with a 80 MW rated capacity. At this time, the Applicant is certified by the Maryland Public Service Commission, the District of Columbia Public Service Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission for participation in their RPS programs.

Staff's Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the following State of Delaware Certification Numbers be assigned to Applicant's facility for use in PJM-EIS GATS:

**WestRock Covington Mill
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**DE-99980-BLQ-00
DE-99980-WDS-00**

The twelve-digit State of Delaware Certification Number is consistent with the GATS identification system. The first two letters represent the state that is certifying the facility. The next five digits identify the facility. The following three letters represent the Eligible Energy Source on which RECs from the facility are based. The last two digits indicate whether the facility meets the definition of a New Renewable Generation Resource, which is defined as an Eligible Energy Resource first going into commercial operation after December 31, 1997.

Conclusion:

Seven (7) calendar days from the date of this Memorandum, the above State of Delaware Certification Numbers shall be deemed approved and is to be used in accordance with the PJM-EIS GATS for use in creating RECs.

Groups which should receive a copy of Memorandum:

The Chair and the Commissioners
Public Advocate
Delaware Energy Office
PJM Environmental Information Services, Inc.
Applicant